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APPLICATION NO. 10/648,585

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Dear Sir:

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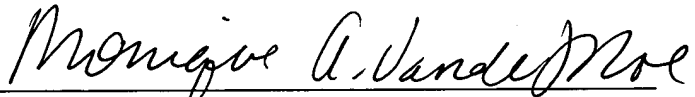
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Dear Sir:

The Office Action mailed May 2, 2006, established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond. Applicants submit that this Amendment and Response is timely filed.

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With this Amendment and Response, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments set forth herein and consideration of the remarks provided with this paper as provided in:

**Amendments to the Claims** that begin on page 3;

**Remarks** that begin on page 7; and

**Conclusion** that begins on page 13 of this paper.